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Additional Arrest Made in 2021 Homicide in Emerald Hills

San Diego – On Sunday, May 9, 2021, just before 10:30 a.m., members of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department were in Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park when they were contacted by a male requesting a welfare check on a female in a vehicle at 5600 Bethune Court at the entrance to the park. As they approached the vehicle, the Fire-Rescue Department personnel saw there were apparent bullet holes in the windshield and the female was unresponsive. There were visual signs the female was obviously deceased and they called the San Diego Police Communications Center to report the situation. The female was identified as Tamara Dorena Shellum, 44, of San Diego. She is the registered owner of the vehicle she was found in.

Over the past year, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives have continued to investigate this homicide, making one previous arrest on May 26, 2021 of Kenneth Earl Brooks, 21, of San Diego.

On June 14, 2022, San Diego Police Detectives arrested Michael Cunningham, 20, of San Diego, for his role in the murder of Tamara Shellum. Cunningham was already in custody at San Diego County Jail on unrelated crimes when he was additionally booked by San Diego Police Homicide Detectives for one count of murder.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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